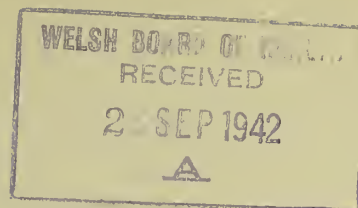





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DOLGELLEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Davies and Gentlemen,

It is my privilege to present to you the Annual Report upon the sanitary conditions of your District during 1941.

The Dolgelley Rural District consists of 13 parishes and has an area of 150,128 acres.

The rateable value at the same date was £21,882 and the sum represented by a penny rate was £86. 13.4.

VITAL STATISTICS.

		<u>For I.R. etc.</u>		<u>For B.Rate</u>	
		Male	Female.	Male	Female.
<u>Live Births.</u>	Total	55	60	51	57
Legitimate		47	59	43	56
Illegitimate		8	1	8	1
<u>Still Births.</u>	Total	2	-	2	-
Legitimate		2	-	2	-
Illegitimate		-	-	-	-

Deaths of Infants Under 1 year of Age.

		Male	Female
I.	Total	6	3
Legitimate		4	3
Illegitimate		2	-

Provisions of Health Services of the Area

1. 1 H.O.H. (Part-time); 1 Sanitary Inspector (Certificated) Full-time in conjunction with Dolgelley Urban District Council.

2. Ambulance Services.

The ambulance service is controlled by a joint Committee of the Dolgelley Urban and Rural Districts and the Barnmouth Urban District Council. An Ambulance Van to serve the three areas is stationed at Dolgelley.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

The district as a whole is well served in respect of water supplies.

Drainage and Sewerage.

These services have been satisfactorily maintained during the year.

3. Rivers and Streams.

River and stream pollution is confined to careless individuals who use them for the disposal of house refuse. Warning notices have been erected where necessary to prevent this objectionable habit but it is not easy to abolish the habit.

6. Closet Accommodation.

Water Closets	431
Dry Earth	1969
Midden Privies	108

7. Scavenging

This Authority undertakes the scavenging of the villages. In all cases the refuse is disposed of by tipping on suitable sites provided by the Council, and in a purely rural area there is no difficulty in efficiently disposing of refuse of all kinds.

8. Smoke Abatement.

No action was necessary in this respect during the past year.

9. Swimming Baths and Pools.

There are no (a) Public or (b) privately owned swimming baths or pools open to the public.

10. Shell Fish (Molluscan)

There are no shell-fish beds or layings in the district.

11. Eradication of Bugs.

No action was necessary during the last year.

12. Housing.

1. (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 92

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 164

2. (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925. Nil

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose Nil

3. (a) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. 10

4. Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 15

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without service of formal Notices :-
Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers. 6

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR :-
(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act 1936.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs 6

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices.

(a) By owners 6

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners 0

- (b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :-
- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. nil
 - (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice :- nil
 - (a) By owners nil
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners nil.
- (c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act 1936 :-
- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made. 0
 - (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 0
- (d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act 1936
- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made 0
 - (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit 0

4. HOUSING ACT, 1936-PART IV- OVERCROWDING.

No action was necessary in this respect during the past year.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Total number of formal notices issued	4
number complied with	4
Total number of informal notices issued	4
number complied with	4
Total number of New Houses completed	0
(a) by Local Sanitary Authority	0
(b) by private enterprise	0
Number of plans - new Houses	0
- Buildings	0
Visits to Backhouses	2
Number of Notices re Defects	0
Visits to Cowsheds	85
Number of Visits re defects	89
Visits to Milk Shops	0
Number of Notices re defects	0
Visits to Dairies	74
Number of Notices re defects	0
Visits to Slaughter Houses	0
Number of Notices re defects	0
Notices re removal of Ashes	0
Notices re removal of Manure	7
Notice re defective drains	4
Number of Visits to cases of Infectious Diseases	14
Number of Houses disinfected	17
Notice of defective water fittings	0
Of Pail Closets converted into W.C.	6
Total number of Water Closets	431
Pail Closets	196
Privies or other Closets	108
Number of Closets serving more than one house.....	8
Milk samples-taken for Ministry of Health	
for County Council	16
for Local Sanitary Authority	0

INSPECTION and SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

There are licensed by the County Council, 7 producers of Tuberculin Tested (Certified) milk within the district. This milk is the genuine article produced under ideal conditions. It is high time the public realised the full value of milk as a food, and appreciated the necessity of having this important article of diet in as wholesome and uncontaminated condition as possible. I sincerely hope that the number of T.T. producers will increase yearly and that soon the public will refuse to consume only some form of graded milk. Samples of T.T. milk are sent once a month to Aberystwyth for analysis on behalf of the County Council, and the results have been satisfactory.

The cowsheds and dairies are periodically inspected. The dairies on the whole are kept clean and are periodically limewashed. In some cases there is a genuine need for improvement in the structural condition of the cowsheds, and in the sanitary conditions of the surroundings. Grooming of the cow is not carried out in the small farms. The milkers on the whole are clean in their person, but washable smocks are not so generally used as they should be.

MEAT.

No animals are slaughtered for human consumption in the Rural Area. The slaughtering is now carried out at the abattoir situated in the Urban District Area.

BAKEHOUSES

All these are very small and are periodically inspected. They are kept clean, and are lime-washed at intervals. In the case of bread, like meat, the great bulk of it is brought in Vans from the adjoining districts. There are no underground bakehouses.

CHEMICAL and BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION of FOOD.

This work is carried out for this Authority at the Public Health Laboratories, Aberystwyth, both for water and milk.

WORKSHOPS and WORKPLACES.

These are few in number and are very small. They are occupied for the most part by the owner. Their sanitary conditions are on the whole satisfactory.

SCHOOLS.

The supervision of the Schools is carried out in close co-operation with the School Medical Officer, who is also the County Medical Officer of Health.

No Schools were closed during the past year.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR 1941

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total Cases notified.</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospitals.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>
Measles	7		0
Smallpox	0		0
Scarlet Fever	8		0
Diphtheria	1		0
Enteric Fever			0
(Including Paratyphoid)	0		
Puerperal Fever	0		0
Pneumonia	9		5
Whooping Cough	9		0
Other diseases notifiable locally			
Erysipelas	1		0

TUBERCULOSIS

<u>Age Periods.</u>	<u>New Cases.</u>						<u>Deaths.</u>	
	<u>Resp.</u>			<u>Non-Resp.</u>			<u>Non-Resp.</u>	
	M.	F.		M.	F.		M.	F.
0	-	-		-	-		-	-
1	-	-		-	-		-	-
5	-	-		-	1		-	-
15	1	2		-	-		-	-
25	-	-		-	1		-	-
35	2	1		1	-		-	-
45	-	-		-	-		-	-
55	2	-		-	1		-	1
65 and upwards	1	-		-	-		-	-
Total	6	3		1	3		-	1

The notification of this disease in the area is satisfactory.

In conclusion, I would like to express my appreciation of the assistance rendered to me during the past year by our Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Idwal Roberts.

I beg to remain,
Your obedient servant,
R.W. Edwards,
B.Sc., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,

Gwyndy,
Dolgellsey.
June 1942

